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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, line 17 beginning "Connecting the tube parts 8...." and ending "...parts screwed together" with the following paragraph:

advantage when inserting tubes into a well with an overpressure prevailing under a sealing 16 at the upper end of the well, a situation sometimes referred to as "underbalanced". Since the welded tube 2 has a much more constant outside diameter than a tube composed of tube parts screwed together, the borehole 1 adjacent to well head [[1]] 13 can be better sealed by means of a sealing, such as, for instance, a blow-out preventer. It is then especially of importance that the sealing 16 against the tube 2, when it is being passed by connections between tube parts 8, needs to bridge considerably smaller differences in diameter than is the case in the use of a tube composed of parts screwed together.

